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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the following items are made of record to assist the Patent & Trademark Office in its examination of this application and is, in the opinion of the attorney designated below for applicant(s), information relevant to the closest prior art of which that person is aware. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other art than that identified exists.

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Each of the foregoing items has either been cited or disclosed in the parent application Serial No. 09/432,328 filed November 2, 1999 (now allowed). The instant application relies upon U.S. Serial No. 09/432,328 for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Therefore pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.98(d), applicant is not submitted copies of the aforementioned items. A Form PTO 1449 is enclosed herewith.

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